

June 1, 1999

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian\*, O'Donnell, and Mayor Hardison.

\*Councilmember Messerlian arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

### **2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Fire Chief Bongard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Herbers gave the invocation for the meeting.

Mayor Hardison requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Peggy Hone, retired detective who worked in the Juvenile Diversion program, and Keith Pischel, a 50-year City resident active in the Chamber of Commerce.

### **3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by a 4-3 majority roll call vote, with Councilmember Cribbs dissenting and Councilmembers Messerlian and Walker absent.

### **4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

### **5. COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Budget Workshops**

Wednesday, June 2, 1999 and Wednesday, June 8, 1999

5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

City Hall

3031 Torrance Blvd.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RECOGNITION OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES RE THE ATTIC**

Recognition was received by Anne Tsai, Chair of the Torrance Youth Council, and Eunice Kang, member of the Torrance Youth Council, on behalf of the Youth Council; Ms. Toni Warner, Virco Manufacturing; Mr. Ted Murrey, Murrey & Sons; Mr. Jerry Butler, Fred's Rug Service; Mr. Dean Book, Torrance Memorial Medical Center; and Mayor Hardison acknowledged Avery Dennison Office Products.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF PPI RE MADRONA MARSH NATURE CENTER**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council approve the selection of the Firm of Promotion Products, Inc. (PPI) to develop and fabricate the exhibits for the Nature Center at Madrona Marsh.

7b. **AGREEMENT RE APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council:

1. Award the bid to Parsans Construction Company in the amount of \$1,572,931 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$78,600.
2. Authorization staff to prepare a Standard Public Works Agreement between the City and Parsans Construction Company.
3. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest to said contract.
4. Transfer an additional \$260,000 to this project from the Gas Tax funds set aside for the Anza Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation project (CIP #T-29).

**MOTION:** Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Messerlian and Walker.

9. **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9a. **RESOLUTION RE INTENT TO VACATE "LITTLE TORRANCE BOULEVARD"**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the Engineering Director that your Honorable Body approve and adopt a new Resolution of Intention to Vacate a portion of Torrance Boulevard (locally known as "Little Torrance Boulevard"), a portion of 212<sup>th</sup> Street and setting June 22, 1999 for the Public Hearing.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved that, after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-56. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Messerlian and Walker.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **ADVANCE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON RE UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the City Manager for the City Council to approve a \$40,000 advance payment to Southern California Edison Company for the design of the Artesia Boulevard Undergrounding project.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to approve and appropriate \$40,000 from Capital Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Messerlian and Walker.

11b. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAWSUIT**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the City Attorney that an additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$85,000 from the Reserve for Litigation Account be approved to augment the existing purchase order with the law firm of Latham & Watkins for the defense of the City in the Department of Justice lawsuit, United States of America v. City of Torrance, et al, Case No. CV 93-4142 MRP (GHKx).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved to approve the additional appropriation of funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Messerlian and Walker.

14. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

14a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING RE ORDINANCE 3468**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Ordinance No. 3468.

## **ORDINANCE 3468**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLES 1, 2 AND 3 OF CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2 WHICH ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, VOLUMES 1 AND 2, INCLUDING APPENDIX I-A, I-B, I-C, II-A, II-D, II-F, III-A AND V-A, AND MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THOSE CODES AND ENACTING NEW ARTICLE 3 WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved for the adoption of Ordinance 3468, second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Messerlian and Walker.

### **14b. SECOND AND FINAL READING RE ORDINANCE 3469**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Ordinance No. 3469.

## **ORDINANCE 3469**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, 9 AND 10 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.43, AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.40, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 2, AND BY ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 3, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.10 AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.9, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 9, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 89.2.2 THROUGH 89.2.4, AND BY ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 89.2.2 AND 89.2.3, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, ALL OF WHICH ADOPT OR AMEND THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1, 2, AND 3 WITH APPENDICES, THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDICES, THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE WITH APPENDICES, AND THE 1997 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance 3469, second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

15a. City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the etchings of Torrance Artist Guild member Elizabeth Lanzer on view in the City Clerk's office for the month of June.

15b. City Clerk Herbers announced that there were vacancies on the Cultural Arts Commission and the Environmental and Energy Conservation Commission and that appointments would be made at the June 22, 1999 City Council meeting; applications and information being available in the City Clerk's office.

15c. City Attorney Fellows questioned the proper posting of the Redevelopment Agency meeting for June 3, 1999.

15d. Councilmember Lee requested an Armed Forces Day Committee meeting to debrief the parade and events and suggest modifications for the year 2000.

15e. Majed Elokour, owner of Super Taxi, read a letter from Kabang, a subsidiary of Creative Computers, stating opposition to the recently enacted ordinance regulating taxicabs. In addition, Mr. Elokour read portions of a letter previously delivered to councilmembers stating his reasons for opposition to the ordinance (of record). He further added that this regulation is biased toward large businesses and requested amendment to help small businesses.

15f. Yosef Azim, Torrance, spoke in agreement with Mr. Elokour.

15g. City Attorney Fellows commented that his sense of the Transportation Committee and Council action was that the taxicab ordinance was enacted to assure Torrance residents that companies operating in Torrance had adequate insurance and operating revenues.

## **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION** City Council Closed Session

### **16a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** (California Government Code 54957.6): Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson Employee Organization/Association:

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| 1. Engineers   | 9. Torrance Professional & Supervisory |
| 2. Torrance Fire Fighters                                | 10. Torrance Recurrent Recreational    |
| 3. Torrance Fiscal Employees                             | Employees                              |
| 4. Torrance Library Employees                            | 11. Crossing Guards                    |
| 5. Torrance Management Employees                         | 12. Unrepresented                      |
| 6. Torrance Municipal Employees                          | 13. Certain Management Employees       |
| 7. Torrance Police Officers                              | 14. Police & Fire Recruits             |
| 8. Torrance Professional Parks &<br>Recreation Employees | 15. Elected Officials                  |

### **16b. REAL PROPERTY – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR** (California Government Code 54956.8):

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| 1. Property:         | Town & Country Shopping Center<br>2837 Pacific Coast Hwy. |
| Negotiating Parties: | LeRoy J. Jackson and Steve Jurecki                        |
| Under Negotiation:   | Terms and Conditions of Lease                             |

Executive session was not held as the items were withdrawn.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:49 p.m., Council adjourned to Wednesday, June 2, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to conduct a budget workshop on the proposed fiscal years 1999-2001 City budget.

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**Adjourned in Memory of**  
**Keith Pischel and Peggy Hone**  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

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City Clerk of the City of Torrance